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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL REDUCTION KAGNEW STATION

REF: (A) STATE 138074; (B) ASMARA 0487<sup>ne</sup>

1. CHARGE THIS MORNING MADE POINTS OUTLINED REFTEL (A) TO FONMIN KETEMA YIFRU. AS RESULT EARLIER APPROACH TO KETEMA (ADDIS 3376) LATTER HAD APPARENTLY HAD CHANCE TO CONSIDER RESPONSE. SAID HIS POSITION HAD NOT CHANGED AND THAT HE WELCOMED U.S. MOVE, WHICH SHOULD BE HELPFUL TO HIM AND COLLEAGUES IN IEG WHO COME UNDER PRESSURE FROM THOSE CRITICIZING PRESENCE U.S. "BASE" IN ETHIOPIA. FROM CONTEXT CONVERSATION THIS REACTION APPLIES ALSO TO PROBABLE FURTHER REDUCTIONS NOTED REFTEL, OF WHICH CHARGE INFORMED HIM.

2. CT HAS BEEN BRIEFED IN TERMS OUTLINED REFTEL AND WILL BE INFORMED ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS AT MEETING NEXT WEEK.  
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